

**METHOD AND SYSTEM IN AN ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEET FOR
HANDLING ABSOLUTE REFERENCES IN A COPY/CUT AND PASTE
OPERATION ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT MODES**

Abstract

In an electronic spreadsheet, if an absolute cell or absolute cell range reference does not comprise the same information in a source environment and in a destination environment, errors may occur. Therefore, a buffer is created for temporarily storing a source cell range. Any material in the buffer not needed, is cleared. Any absolute reference content remaining that points to a source cell range, has a relative position within the source cell range determined. Then, a corresponding absolute reference within the destination cell range is determined. Prior to copying the buffer content into corresponding cells within a destination cell range, each absolute reference pointing to a source is replaced by a corresponding absolute reference with the destination cell range.